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Your phone buzzes. But wait ... it's a number that isn't saved on your phone. Could it be a recruiter for that dream job you applied for on LinkedIn? In this instance for me, it wasn't. Instead, it was a prerecorded message from an elderly lady inviting me to press 1 to avail of "urgent prayer" in dulcet tones. Needless to say, I was slightly bemused. Although "urgent prayer" won't remedy the scourge of robocalls, turn to page 4 or visit metro.us to check out our definitive guide to eliminating robocalls — once and for all.

KATE SPADE SUFFERED DEPRESSION: HUSBAND

1 The husband of fashion designer Kate Spade on Wednesday broke his silence on her death, saying she suffered from depression for years and that the couple had been living separately for 10 months. Andy Spade said in a lengthy statement to The New York Times that he and his teenaged daughter Bea were "devastated by her loss, and can't even begin to fathom life without her." Kate Spade, who with her husband built a fashion empire on the popularity of her colorful handbags, was found dead in her New York City apartment on Tuesday, an apparent suicide. She was 55. Andy Spade said that his wife suffered from depression and anxiety for many years but there was "no indication and no warning that she would do this. It was a complete shock." "She was actively seeking help for depression and anxiety over the last five years, seeing a doctor on a regular basis and taking medication for both depression and anxiety. There was no substance or alcohol abuse. There were no business problems," he said in his statement.

GIULIANI: INVESTIGATORS TRYING TO FRAME TRUMP

2 Donald Trump's attorney, Rudy Giuliani, on Wednesday said U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller's office was trying to frame the president in its investigation of Russia's role in the 2016 U.S. election. "They are a group of 13 highly partisan Democrats that make up the Mueller team, excluding him, [who] are trying very, very hard to frame him, to get him in trouble, when he hasn't done anything wrong," Giuliani said at a question-and-answer session at the Globes capital markets conference in Tel Aviv. In fact, there are 17 staff members in Mueller's special prosecutor's office. Thirteen are registered Democrats; four are either unaffiliated or their affiliation is unknown, according to the Washington Post. Mueller himself is a registered Republican, as is Rod Rosenstein, the deputy attorney general who appointed him. Mueller is investigating whether Russia meddled in the 2016 election and whether Trump's campaign colluded with Moscow. Criminal charges have been brought against Trump campaign aides, including former campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

ACTIVISTS IN NEW YORK DEMONSTRATE AGAINST EPA CHIEF SCOTT PRUITT

3 Protestors rally against Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt outside the federal office building that houses the New York City office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Wednesday in New York City. Pruitt is under fire again this week after emails showed he asked an EPA staff member to contact Chick-fil-A for potential business opportunities for his wife. Federal ethics rules prohibit government employees from using their positions for private gain and prohibit supervisors from directing subordinates to carry out personal errands. Earlier in the week it was also disclosed that Pruitt asked an aide to inquire with the Trump International Hotel about purchasing a used mattress.

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FACEBOOK GRILLED OVER CHINESE DATA SHARING

4 Facebook Inc. faced criticism on Wednesday from Republican and Democratic U.S. lawmakers who demanded that the social media company be more forthcoming about data it has shared with four Chinese firms. The bipartisan criticism reflected rising frustration in Congress about how Facebook protects the privacy of the more than two billion people who use its services worldwide. The leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee accused Facebook Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg of failing to disclose the company's agreements with the Chinese firms when he appeared before them in April and testified about Facebook's sharing of users' personal information with third parties. "Clearly, the company's partnerships with Chinese technology companies and others should have been disclosed before Congress and the American people," the panel's Republican chairman, Greg Walden, and top Democrat Frank Pallone said in a statement. "We strongly encourage full transparency from Facebook and the entire tech community."

CALIF. JUDGE REMOVED OVER RAPE SENTENCING

5 Californians voted in a special election to unseat a state judge who drew worldwide condemnation for giving a six-month jail sentence to a Stanford University swimmer convicted of sexually assaulting an unconscious woman. Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky, a former prosecutor appointed to the bench in 2003 by then-Gov. Gray Davis next month will become the first sitting judge recalled in more than 80 years in the state. In Tuesday's election, 60 percent of the more than 176,058 voters who cast ballots approved a petition to recall Persky, according to unofficial results posted online by the county registrar. The registrar is expected to certify the results on July 5, spokesman Steven Spivak said. "There is no such thing as an elected official who [is] independent of the electorate. That is not a thing," Michele Dauber, a Stanford law professor who organized the recall petition, wrote in a Twitter message on Wednesday. Persky came under fire in June 2016 for sentencing Brock Turner, then 20, to six months in the county jail and three years probation for three counts of sexual assault.

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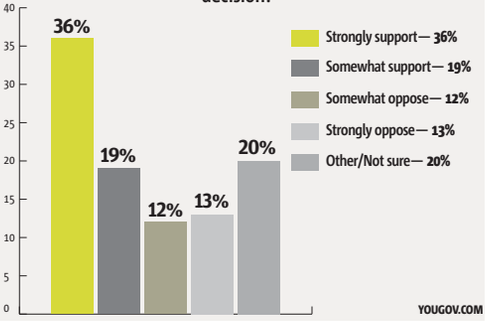

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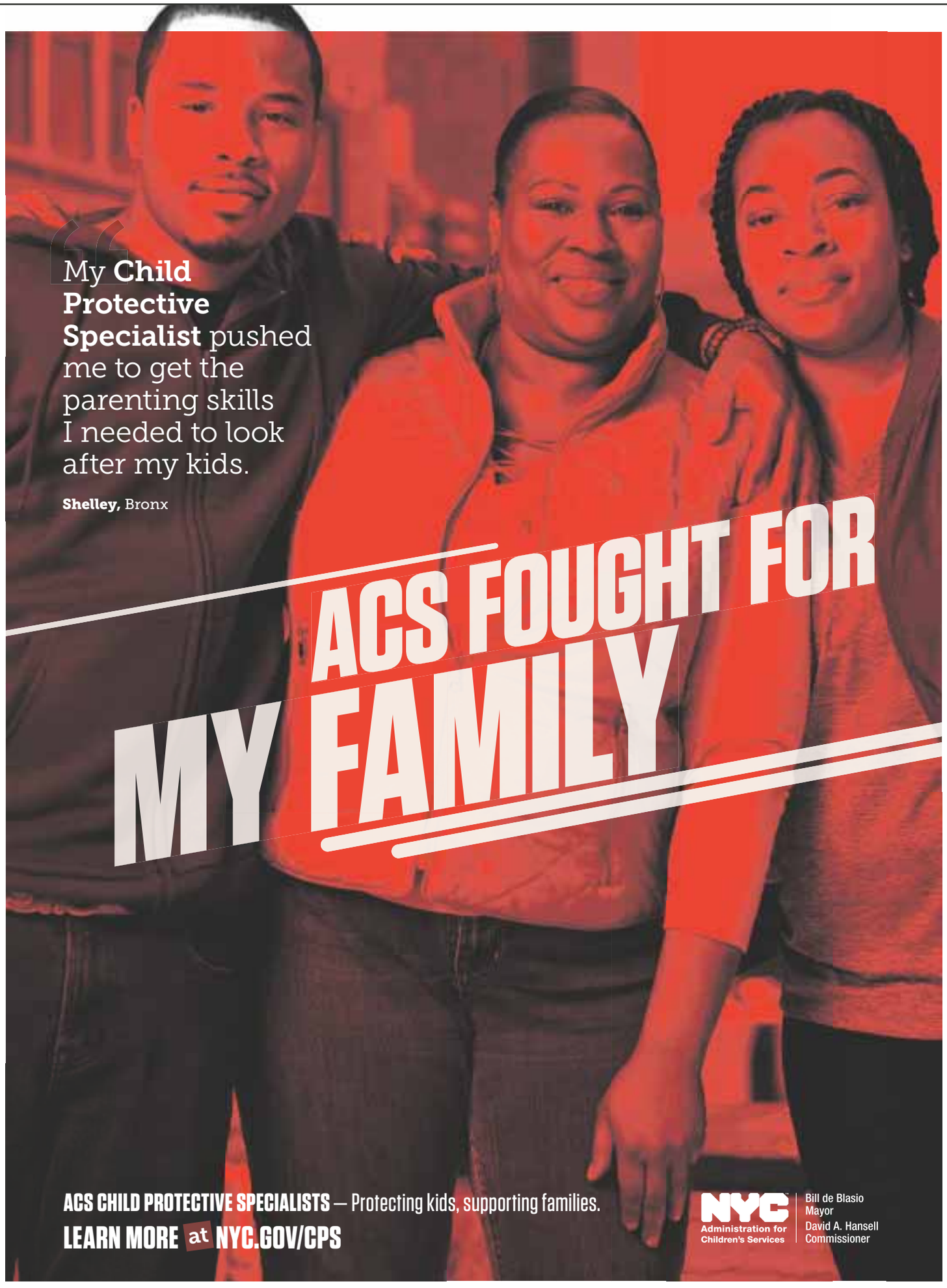
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Americans get about 2.5 billion robocalls each month, according to the FCC. GETTY IMAGES

Robocalls are the worst, and the fight is just beginning

They're annoying, they're relentless — but they're not unavoidable. Here's what you can do to take a stand against the scourge.

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In our technologically driven society, robocalls truly are a modern plague.

The Federal Trade Commission has reported a colossal increase in the number of robocall complaints; skyrocketing to 4.5 million in 2017 from 1.7 million complaints in 2014. But those are just the calls that are reported. The Federal Communications Commission estimates that U.S. consumers get nearly 2.5 billion monthly robocalls — automated, prerecorded calls that regulators have labeled a "scourge," according to FCC estimates.

YouMail, a company that blocks robocalls and tracks them, estimated that 3.4 billion robocalls were placed in April in the United States, an all-time high.

Last month, New York state Sen. Brad Hoylman put forth legislation that would ban robocalling without the receiver's prior consent. The proposed legislation would also require phone companies to offer consumers call-blocking technology free of charge.

New York is one of the most severely impacted regions in the U.S. for robocalls, with the 917 area code ranking the fifth worst in the nation for these irritating calls, according to YouMail.

By employing a crafty tactic that tricks you into thinking the caller is local, telemarketers are now reaching more people than ever — but, there are ways to eradicate robocalls.

According to the FTC, "neighbor spoofing" is the newest way telemarketers and robocallers are manipulating you into taking their call. There is widely available technology that allows robocallers to hijack whichever telephone number they like, and use it to spam unwitting consumers.

"Like so many New Yorkers, everyone in my family has been annoyed by robocalls on a near daily basis."
Sen. Hoylman

Another way telemarketers engage in neighbor spoofing is to license and purchase large quantities of telephone numbers they can use to make calls. This is legal so long as the numbers used redirect back to the company's sales department.

The crazy case of a "kingpin" robocaller

The Federal Communications Commission last month voted to issue a $120 million fine to a Florida man alleged to have made almost 100 million robocalls to trick consumers with "exclusive" vacation deals from well-known travel and hospitality companies.

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In 2017, the FCC alleged that Adrian Abramovich made 96 million robocalls during a three-month period in 2016. In April, he told a Senate panel that he was "not the kingpin of robocalling that is alleged." Consumers who answered the calls were transferred to foreign call centers that tried to sell vacation packages, often involving timeshares. The FCC said the calls violated U.S. telecommunications laws.

Last year, the most common robocalls infecting telephones across the U.S. included debt reduction services, vacation and timeshare deals, and warranties and protection plans, according to the FTC.

"Like so many New Yorkers, everyone in my family has been annoyed by robocalls on a near-daily basis," Sen. Hoylman said in a statement.

"These robocalls are a scourge on the public-at-large, and my constituents have been vocal about the extent to which these calls infringe on their privacy and interrupt their daily lives."

"Enough is enough."

Reuters contributed to this report.

HOW CAN YOU GET RID OF ROBOCALLS?

The FTC has shared four pieces of advice for Metro readers who are fed up with these pesky calls.

1. Register for the Do Not Call Registry
Signing up to the Do Not Call Registry lets legitimate companies know that you're not interested in receiving any more telemarketing live calls and robocalls. As telemarketers must review their call list every 31 days, you should be free of these calls from legitimate companies in no time.

To sign up, log on to donotcall.gov or call their toll-free number on 888-382-1222 from the number you'd like to register.

2. Report unwanted calls
Communicating any unwanted calls to donotcall.gov allows the FTC to track the worst violators and keep an eye out for any patterns that may emerge.

3. Hang up
If you're already registered on the Do Not Call Registry and you get a sales call, simply hang up. As legitimate companies must heed the rules of the registry, any sales calls you receive after 31 days of being registered are more than likely illegal.

4. Download call -blocking apps
There are dozens of quality call blocking apps available on Apple's App Store or on Google Play. For landlines, reach out to your telephone provider to discuss how you can enable a call blocking feature to fend against robocalls.

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New legislation aims to get dangerous drivers off city streets

The announcement came three months after two young children were fatally struck by a driver who accelerated through a Park Slope intersection.

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Three months to the day a driver accelerated through a Park Slope intersection and fatally struck two young children, a city councilman announced new legislation that strives to keep dangerous drivers off city streets.

The "Reckless Driver Accountability Act" was announced by Council Member Brad Lander on Tuesday. The measure includes booting or impounding cars with five or more red-light and speed-camera violations within one year until the vehicle owner completes a Reckless Driver Accountability Program, expanding the current accountability program that is implemented in Red Hook and on Staten Island and requiring the city to release an annual study on dangerous driving to determine which behaviors align with traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities as well as make recommendations to reduce such behavior.

> **"For the safety of our children and our communities, we must do everything in our power to stem reckless driving."**
> Public Advocate Letitia James

The announcement came three months after 4-year-old Abigail Blumenstein and 1-year-old Joshua Lew were killed after being struck by driver Dorothy Bruns as they crossed a Park Slope street with their mothers on March 5. Blumenstein's pregnant mother, a Tony-winning actress whose stage name is Ruthie Ann Miles, was seriously injured in the incident. Miles lost her unborn daughter, Sophia, last month, just weeks before her due date.

After the accident, Bruns' past traffic violations, including four instances of running red lights, surfaced, as did the fact her doctor instructed her not to drive due to the medical condition that caused her to accelerate through the red light on March 5.

City Council Member Brad Lander (center) announces the "Reckless Driver Accountability Act" Tuesday, three months after a driver fatally struck two young children when she accelerated through a red light in Park Slope. PROVIDED

"We can't bring Abigail, Joshua and Sophia back to their families, but by confronting reckless driving to prevent future deaths, we will do all we possibly can to make their memory into a blessing," Lander said. "The Reckless Driver Accountability Act takes an innovative, data-driven and restorative approach that will make NYC a leader in reducing dangerous driving and saving lives."

The current consequence for camera-documented traffic violations is a $50 fine for each, regardless of how many infractions a driver might have. While only the state can suspend or give license points to dangerous drivers, the city can boot or impound vehicles until their owners complete a safety course that is designed to change such behavior. Studies show participants in such courses are 40 percent less likely to be rearrested for traffic offenses.

"For the safety of our children and our communities, we must do everything in our power to stem reckless driving," Public Advocate Letitia James said. "The Reckless Driver Accountability Act is an essential piece of legislation that holds careless drivers responsible for their actions and has the potential to save the lives of New Yorkers."

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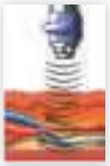

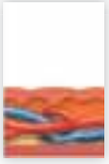

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If you're at war with erectile dysfunction (ED), you're not alone. In fact, one in every four new patients is under the age of 40, according to the *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. While it may be comforting to know that it's more common than you think, you're probably more concerned with getting it under control. And we don't blame you—ED takes a serious toll on relationships, intimacy and overall well-being.

Enter ErectionWave, an innovative new approach that flips traditional ED treatment on its head. More often than not, the go-to answer is a lifetime Viagra prescription. The big downside here is that this really only treats the symptom, not the underlying problem. It also leaves you completely dependent on medication to enjoy a satisfying sex life.

Founded by a renowned Board Certified Urologist Dr. David Shusterman, ErectionWave is different in that it improves sex without medication. As the name implies, it directs high-frequency waves toward blood vessels that are normally narrow or blocked. This, in turn, optimizes blood flow, allowing for naturally strong erections. This holistic treatment also increases the size of penile veins *and* increases nerve function.

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Dr. Shusterman and his team of experienced sex function specialists are dedicated to eliminating the need for penile pumps, injections, and drugs like Viagra. They also offer highly effective alternative treatments that go beyond ErectionWave therapy. One pathway is hormone replacement—an umbrella term that covers a wide array of robust therapy options that are completely tailored to each individual patient. Addressing any hormonal causes of ED is critical to improving sexual desire and, ultimately, getting on the other side of erectile dysfunction.

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Pablo Villavicencio was turned over to ICE after being unable to provide valid identification. GETTY IMAGES

Man detained by ICE after delivering pizza to Brooklyn military base

Pablo Villavicencio, 32, was detained by military police officers and turned over to ICE after delivering a pizza to the Brooklyn base.

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A man was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement after delivering a pizza to a military base in Brooklyn.

On June 1, Pablo Villavicencio, 32, was detained by military police officers and turned over to ICE, a representative with the federal agency confirmed.

Villavicencio reportedly went to the Fort Hamilton military base, located on General Lee Avenue between Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights in Brooklyn, to deliver a pizza when he was asked by a military guard to show his papers.

When he could not show valid identification, the guard turned him over to ICE.

Villavicencio is originally from Ecuador. In March 2010, he was granted voluntary departure by an immigration judge.

He "failed to depart by July 2010 as ordered," a representative for ICE said. "As such, his voluntary departure order became a final order of removal and [he] is an ICE fugitive."

Villavicencio remains in ICE custody pending removal.

According to New York City Council Member Carlos Menchaca, who is the chair of the Committee on Immigration, Villavicencio has an active green-card application and his wife and children are all United States citizens.

"Pablo Villavicencio's treatment at the Fort Hamilton Army base in Brooklyn is outrageous, cruel and pointless. Now, a hard-working New Yorker just doing his job faces all the dangers that come with ICE detention and deportation," Menchaca said in a statement. "[He] deserves his freedom and to live and work in peace while his application is pending."

Sandra Chica, Villavicencio's wife, spoke with El Diario La Prensa, New York's Spanish-language daily, about the incident. The two met five years ago and have two daughters, ages 4 and 3, she said, and had submitted their marriage certification in February to legalize his residence status. Villavicencio has been in the U.S. for 10 years, she said.

To Menchaca, this move was meant to intimidate immigrant communities.

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> New York City Council Member Carlos Menchaca

"The federal administration has a senseless obsession with detaining law-abiding people, tearing families apart, and targeting people at work," he said. "The family and public deserve to know why military personnel conducted aggressive immigration enforcement action on a pizza delivery man who had been called to Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn. Why didn't the base confirm the order with the person ordering the food? Why didn't the military police confirm the identity of the worker with the pizzeria? The garrison's general concern for security and to identify who comes in and out is understandable. Nevertheless the military police officer's aggressive enforcement of immigration policies on a delivery man who was just doing his job is alarming and unjustifiable."

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Trump commutes sentence of drug offender, examining dozens more potential pardons

Johnson's release came following the president's meeting last week with celebrity Kim Kardashian West.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday commuted the life sentence of Alice Marie Johnson, who had served more than 20 years in prison on a first-time drug offense, and is prepared to use his constitutional clemency powers to give relief to dozens more offenders, a White House source said.

Johnson's cause had been taken up by celebrity Kim Kardashian West, who personally lobbied Trump on her behalf last week.

A White House official familiar with the clemency process said that Trump continues to examine the cases of people who he believes have been victims of the criminal justice system.

"He takes them seriously because they impact people's lives."

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley

Trump last week pardoned conservative commentator and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza, convicted of making illegal campaign contributions, and has recently granted pardons to the late heavyweight boxer Jack Johnson, controversial former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio, and Lewis "Scooter" Libby, a former top aide to then-Vice President Dick Cheney.

Johnson, thanks to intervention from Kim Kardashian West, became the seventh person pardoned by Trump. PRESIDENT TRUMP/ TWITTER

The president is still considering pardoning lifestyle maven Martha Stewart, who was convicted in an insider trading case, and commuting the sentence of former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, currently serving a 14-year prison sentence on felony corruption charges, along with several others, the White House official told Reuters.

Stewart and Blagojevich both have ties to Trump's former "Apprentice" TV shows, but the White House has denied that Trump is only considering pardons for well-known figures and that he is examining several other cases that are less notorious.

"He's looking at all those seriously," Hogan Gidley, a White House

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Alice Marie Johnson is a free woman after 21 years in prison. CAN-DO FOUNDATION

spokesman, told reporters last week. "He takes them seriously because they impact people's lives."

Alice Marie Johnson, a 63-year-old from Tennessee, has already served more than 20 years in prison on drug conspiracy and money laundering charges. In a statement on the commutation of her sentence, White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said Johnson "has been a model prisoner over the past two decades."

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Secretary Sarah Sanders

Sanders noted that while "this administration will always be very tough on crime, it believes that those who have paid their debt to society and worked hard to better themselves while in prison deserve a second chance." REUTERS

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Being indigenous peoples in the age of Trump

While native centers throughout the U.S. are losing support, the city's American Indian Community House is helping the city's 110,000 Native Americans.

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Those who think New York City's connection to its indigenous peoples may have ended in 1626 when they sold Manhattan to the Dutch for trade goods might be surprised to know there are, according to Census data, 110,000 New Yorkers who self-identify as Native Americans.

Many of them seek out the city-based American Indian Community House (AICH), which turns 50 next year, for its housing, employment, health and advocacy services and cultural events like pow-wows, socials, workshops and more.

"It's things people are familiar with, and even if they're far from home, they're still feeling a sense of native identity here in the city," said Rick Chavolla, AICH's board chair. "We provide a sense of community and cultural sustenance for native people in New York. Most of us are not from New York, so it's oftentimes a very difficult transition to come into a big urban area like New York City."

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A large portion of AICH's work centers on finding ways the city can do better environmentally, and the organization supports local efforts toward renewable and solar energy, which are issues "that are not uniquely important to native people, but are very important, especially at this point around the environment and protection of native lands" well beyond city limits, Chavolla said.

The Trump administration's drastic shrinking of acreage at Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and other environment-affecting measures like advancing the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines has brought a heightened sense of urgency to the nation's indigenous community and its supporters — and a signifi-

AICH board chair Rich Chavolla is encouraging Native Americans to get involved in "advocacy and the resistance movement." GETTY IMAGES

Dr. Anne Klaeysen of Ethical NYC and Rick Chavolla of New York's American Indian Community House will head a panel titled "Environmental Wisdom and Strategies from Indigenous Leaders" at AEU's annual assembly this week. PROVIDED

cant loss of funding.

"We know nationwide there's a loss of support for native centers since this administration came in, and we're convinced it was politically motivated," Chavolla said. "It causes mental and spiritual anguish for a lot of our folks, but people want to get active and involved in advocacy and the resistance movement."

As part of the movement, Chavolla and Dr. Anne Klaeysen of Ethical NYC will head a panel titled "Environmental Wisdom and Strategies from Indigenous Leaders," at the American Ethical Union's 103rd Annual Assembly in Albuquerque this week, which "will focus on how the largest city in the country maintains a connection to indigenous land, indigenous environment, priorities and Mother Earth and continues to advocate for the protection of the environment," Chavolla said.

For more info, visit aich.org.

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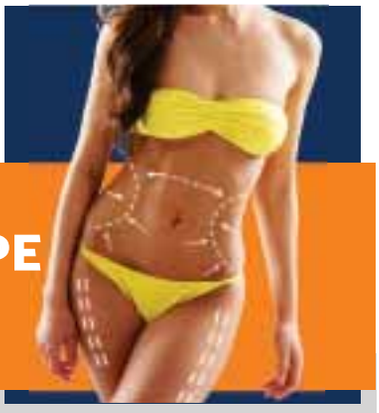

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How long until one of President Trump's "political landmines" blows up? GETTY IMAGES

THE FOREMAN FORECAST: THE PRESIDENT'S PERILOUS DEFENSE

ANALYSIS

TOM FOREMAN

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

Think of them as political landmines; all those lies, misleading statements, and threats President Trump is spreading around the White House in response to the Russia probe.

Sure, they can keep his enemies confused, jumpy, and afraid, but they can also represent a significant peril to the person who put them there. And this week, Team Trump laid down a couple of particularly tricky ones.

First, he insisted that the appointment of special counsel Robert Mueller is "UNCONSTITUTIONAL!" adding "Despite that, we play the game because I … have done nothing wrong!" This is an odd assertion. In one sentence he wants to expose a wrong, and in the next he wants to excuse himself from doing anything about it. One could argue if any president sees unconstitutional behavior he is legally bound to take action because the failure to do so is a dereliction of duty.

Second, he insisted, "I have the absolute right to PARDON myself…" Again, this is a weird sort of double trap. If he's done nothing wrong, why is he even bringing this up? And if he were to self-pardon, and if Congressional lawmakers disagreed with his decision to do so (two big "ifs" to be sure) the possibility of impeachment grows rapidly.

All of this spurred yet another round of surrealist questioning at the daily White House briefing, with Press Secretary Sarah Sanders simultaneously saying the president is "certainly not" above the law, yet offering no clarification as to why he is saying …um … well, he's above the law.

There is no doubt that Trump wants his challengers to back off. He's tired of hearing about Russia. He resents efforts to hold his team accountable. And he wants to build public belief that, no matter what, he will come out on top. And maybe he will. But the law has a way of keeping track of such things. And each time he fires up Twitter to lay more of those mines in the rose garden for his foes, you know his legal team has to be wondering if the president, or his minions or even they will accidentally trip one with calamitous results.

Jimmy Nolan's Law" was named after a worker who suffered respiratory and skin ailments after working at Ground Zero. GETTY IMAGES

US appeals court revives 9/11 workers' debris exposure claims

A federal appeals court on Wednesday revived claims against New York's Battery Park City Authority by 18 workers who became ill after cleaning up debris at the World Trade Center site following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan rejected the agency's challenge to "Jimmy Nolan's Law," a 2009 state law giving injured 9/11 workers an extra year to seek compensation from public entities even if the statute of limitations has run out.

By a 3-0 vote, the appeals court said the BPCA, a state public benefit corporation, was not exempt from the general rule that state entities lack authority to challenge the constitutionality of state laws.

A spokesman for the BPCA said the agency does not discuss pending litigation. The agency was created in 1968 to help develop Manhattan's lower west side, known as Battery Park City.

The New York legislature passed Jimmy Nolan's Law after U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein in Manhattan dismissed hundreds of lawsuits by 9/11 workers who claimed respiratory and other illnesses because they were filed too late.

"The Jimmy Nolan Law was passed to correct an injustice, that rescuers and clean-up people who cleaned up the 9/11 debris were told time after time that the debris was not dangerous."

Gregory Cannata, a lawyer for 15 of the workers

The law was named for a carpenter from Yonkers, New York, who suffered from respiratory problems and skin allergies after doing Ground Zero cleanup.

After the 18 workers refiled their claims, Hellerstein in December 2014 called the law an "extreme exercise of legislative power" and declared it unconstitutional.

Wednesday's decision voided that ruling, and returned the workers' claims to Hellerstein.

It came after the federal appeals court asked New York state's highest court, also called the Court of Appeals, to address issues of state law.

The BPCA had objected that enforcing Jimmy Nolan's Law could require it to tap its general fund to cover lawsuits.

But the appeals court said accepting this argument would improperly let any public entity challenge the constitutionality of a state law if it claimed to have "some sort of fund from which a judgment might be paid."

Gregory Cannata, a lawyer for 15 of the workers, said the decision lets his clients again pursue claims over bronchitis, coughing, difficulty breathing and other illnesses.

"The Jimmy Nolan Law was passed to correct an injustice, that rescuers and clean-up people who cleaned up the 9/11 debris were told time after time that the debris was not dangerous," he said in an interview. "In fact it was dangerous." REUTERS

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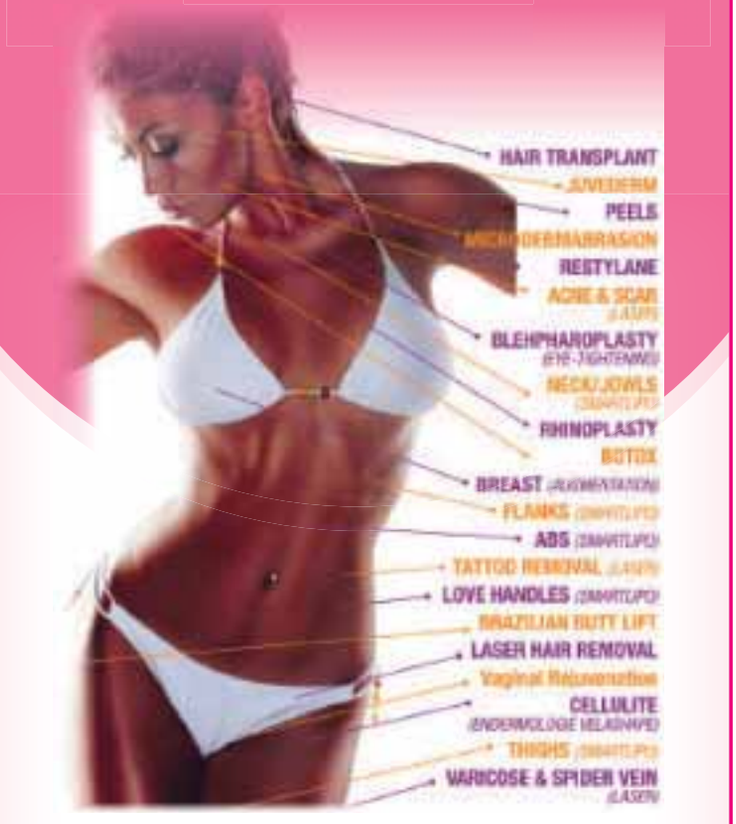

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Here is what every back and neck pain sufferer who has failed to respond to other treatments and does not want surgery should know about one of the best treatment options available today for severe back and neck pain including when, why and where you should consider this treatment to get maximum results.

If you suffer with back, neck or nerve pain, you have probably already tried *many* treatments ... especially countless pain medications.

Experienced doctors understand that even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for back pain... they are rarely the answer.

In most cases they have minimal, short term results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

Are there any better options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there is very good option to help relieve the pain.

An option that a lot of back and neck pain sufferers may have never heard of before.

Before we get into these treatments, please understand this...

NYC Pain MD is a REAL medical clinic that has treated the worst cases of back pain. Patients travel from all over to be treated at one of their clinics for all sorts of joint and muscle pain because they want the best medical treatments available.

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What is this treatment? It's called...

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"Radiofrequncy Neurotomy" is often referred to as RF for short. Just what is "RF".

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If this first "test" procedure is successful, the Radio Frequency Neurotomy is scheduled and performed for longer term relief.

What Results Can You Expect?

Like all real medical procedures... results vary for individual patients. No good and ethical doctor would guarantee any exact results for any procedure... that's just not how things work and it would be less than honest.

That's being said, it is not uncommon for patients to get complete, if not significant relief of their pain shortly after the treatment.

How Long Do The Results Last?

This procedure "impaits" the nerves pain signals... it does not destroy them. Therefore, the results are safe but not completely permanent. But, many patients get relief for 6 months… 12 months…. 18 months for some even longer. The great news is - another procedure can be safely preformed for more relief if necessary.

While we cannot claim this is a complete "permanent cure" ... it can be a godsend for so many who were in constant pain.

Really... what would it be worth if you could get out of pain for long enough so you could start enjoying your everyday life again?

Would it be worth it to be able to finally get a good night's sleep again?

How about being able to go for a simple walk or just do your basic daily chores without worrying about so much pain?

Is It Safe?

Yes. This procedure has been done countless times and continues to have an excellent safety record. It is minimally invasive and is *not surgical.*

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and physical therapy do not offer good enough results.

RF has also been found effective AFTER back surgery when patient's still feel pain.

The pain after a failed back surgery can be debilitating for some and this procedure may be the only thing that helps give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

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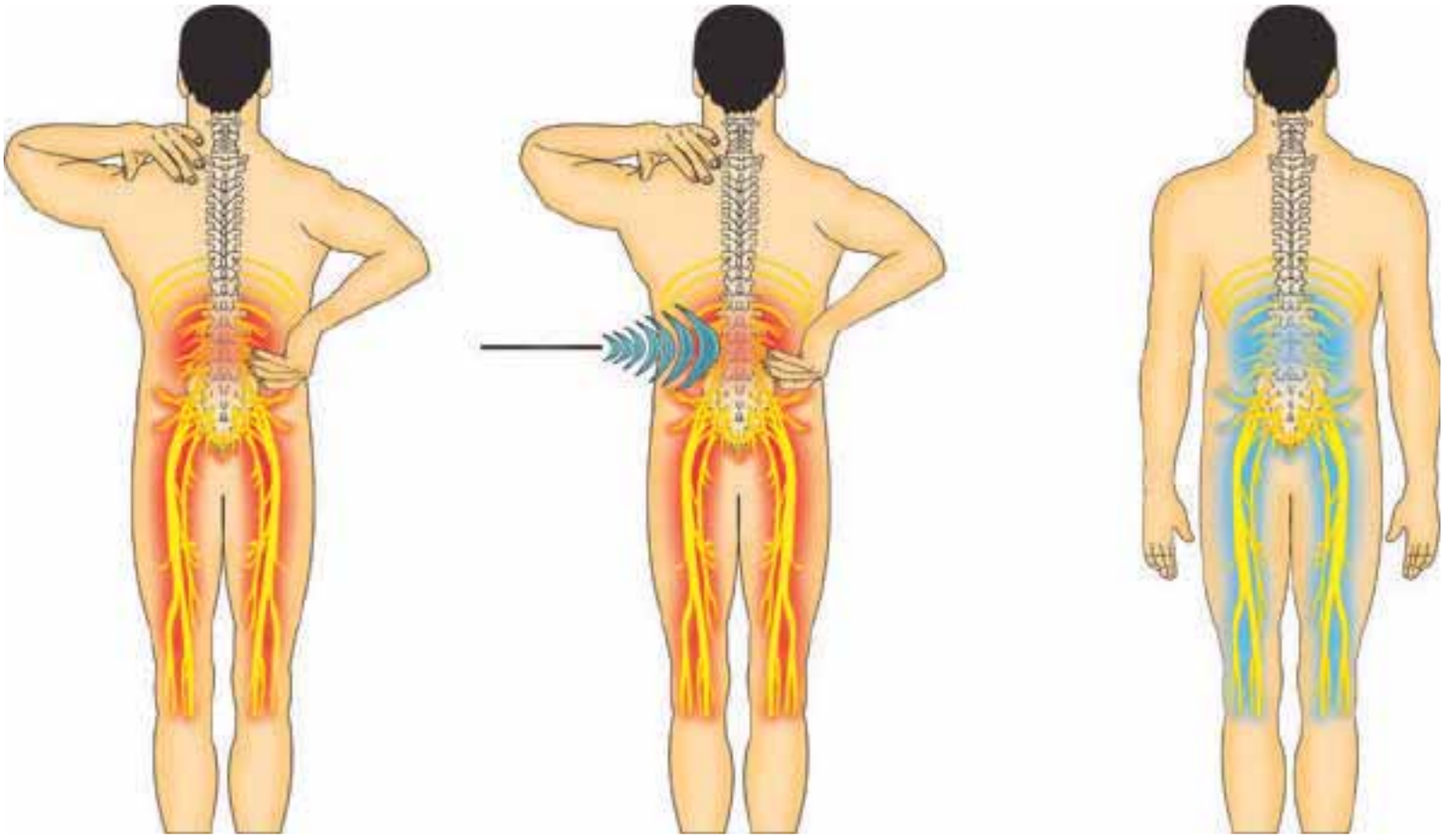

Science rescues back & neck pain sufferers?: Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many

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Dennis Rodman in North Korea REUTERS

What role will Dennis Rodman have at the Singapore summit?

The former NBA star, a friend to both Trump and Kim Jong-Un, wants to attend.

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It sounds like a bizarro Disney movie, but it is reality: As recently as March, the only person who'd ever met both President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un was flame-tressed, nasally pierced former NBA star Dennis Rodman.

Now, the president is having an unprecedented face-to-face meeting with Kim in Singapore on June 12. Naturally, Rodman is planning to come along.

Will he be at the negotiating table? The White House press corps wondered. Will he attend as a singular ego-to-ego translator, greasing the way for nuclear détente?

If Rodman goes, which is not certain, he will be there to promote a product called PotCoin, a "community-based cryptocurrency for legalized marijuana," reported Trey Yingst, White House correspondent for One America News Network, yesterday.

"A lot of times in situations that involve complex diplomacy, countries like to identify ambassadors of goodwill, and whether you agree with it or not, Dennis Rodman fits the bill," a "source close to Rodman" told the New York Post. The former "Celebrity Apprentice" star and longtime Kim friend "could even play some sort of role in the negotiations," the paper said.

Rodman has been visiting Kim since 2013, practicing what he called "basketball diplomacy." The two bonded over the North Korean leader's love of hoops. But U.S. officials distanced the government from Rodman's trips, and he was roundly criticized for hanging with Kim instead of pushing to have American hostages released.

> **"Crazy Dennis Rodman is saying I wanted to go to North Korea with him. Never discussed, no interest, last place on Earth I want to go to."**
>
> Donald Trump, in a tweet

Sitting U.S. presidents have refused to meet directly with Kim so as not to legitimize his brutal, belligerent regime.

After a 2013 visit, Rodman suggested that he and Trump (then just the "Apprentice" host) return to North Korea to meet with Kim. In May 2014, Rodman told DuJour magazine that Trump "wanted to go. He wanted to give me his plane to go over there. Then all of sudden he started to get all weird and s—."

Trump replied via tweet: "Crazy Dennis Rodman is saying I wanted to go to North Korea with him. Never discussed, no interest, last place on Earth I want to go to."

Then he tweeted a follow-up: "Dennis Rodman was either drunk or on drugs [delusional] when he said I wanted to go to North Korea with him. Glad I fired him on Apprentice!"

But Rodman persisted. On his last trip to see Kim in December 2017, he presented North Korean leadership with a copy of Trump's 1987 book "The Art of the Deal." In December, he asked Trump to send him to North Korea as a peace envoy. He told Agence France-Presse that Trump and Kim are "pretty much the same people. ... They love control. Ain't nobody got no finger on the button."

On Tuesday, Darren Prince, a spokesman for Rodman, told the Post that the trip hadn't been confirmed but he'd be happy to go if needed.

Trump and Kim are scheduled to meet at Singapore's luxury Sentosa Resort on June 12 at 9 a.m. Singapore time, or June 11 at 9 p.m. New York time.

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GRUMBLE WINNERS:

The time has come to announce this week's round of Grumble winners! Each winner will receive a $25 Amazon gift card from Metro as a token of appreciation for your thoughts on what vexes you the most. We will be honoring these Grumble Hall of Famers every week, so make sure to keep sending us your messages of disdain for the little things in life that really grind your gears. Metro salutes the following Grumblers!

1 **Jane Supcariova** for her passionate rant on how people should shape up and offer their seat on the subway to people who deserve them.

2 **Fredrick Beondo** and his mission statement against messy recycling rummagers.

3 **Steven Brinberg** and his case against people who spray him with water while washing the sidewalk and for coming up with the classic catch phrase "I'M NOT A TOWEL." You certainly are not, Steve. You're a winner!

4 **John Elari** for his call to action for Grumble readers to submit more serious Grumbles. We've got work to do, Grumblers!

5 And last but not least, **Brenda Miles** and her Grumble about people who take up space with strollers on public transit.

READER RESPONSES:

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Gemini Avoid persuasive individuals asking you for too much or trying to guilt you into something you don't want to do. Sign up for something that offers a mental stimulus.

Cancer If you take part in events that broaden your horizons, you will expand your interests and circle of friends. Explore new avenues and consider a makeover or update your image.

Leo You'll be tempted to make a change without giving enough thought to the outcome. Before you make a mistake, consider getting sound advice from someone you trust.

Virgo You'll be drawn into something that isn't a good fit. Listen to people's opinions, ask questions and consider what's best for you before you agree to get involved.

Libra Live and learn. By getting involved in a course or taking on a motivational challenge, you will discover someone or something you want to pursue.

Scorpio You will need lots of information to make the right decision, so find it! Know your limitations and don't fold under pressure. Walk away from anyone looking for a fight.

Sagittarius You are smart, energetic and capable of fending for yourself, so don't let someone take advantage of you by passing on an exaggerated offer that isn't likely to pan out.

Capricorn You've got the willpower, discipline and wherewithal to bring about change that will improve your life. Don't let someone from your past lead you astray or cause you any distress.

Aquarius Make changes at home that will expand your interests. A space you can set aside for something you enjoy doing will motivate you to turn a hobby into a home business.

Pisces Let your emotions lead the way, even if someone is difficult to deal with. If you dig into a pending problem, someone will disclose the information you need to move forward. EUGENIA LAST

The horror hit of the summer arrives this weekend. ALL PHOTOS A24

How 'Hereditary' became the unlikely horror hit of 2018

Writer and director Ari Aster talks us through his supernatural nightmare.

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"Hereditary" is destined to be one of the summer's most-talked-about movies.

The creepy supernatural horror has been the chatter of Tinseltown since it premiered at Sundance in January, while the hysterical response to its trailer earlier this year and its release during the height of the summer blockbuster season, mean big things are expected of the film.

No one is more surprised by the hype than writer and director Ari Aster, who recently told Metro, "If anything, I wanted to make a film that was anti-mainstream.

"I wanted to make an existential horror film ,that was very difficult and very alienating," he says. "My primary aim was to upset the audience on a very deep level.

"So I have been shocked to see that this film has been funneled out into the mainstream, and that the mainstream appears to be embracing it," he adds. "Although we can't say that because it hasn't been released. So far, only a very niche audience has embraced it."

Because it's his first feature film, Ari has followed the hype for "Hereditary" rather closely. Although he admits that his closeness to the project makes him "wonder if it feels bigger than it actually is."

There's a good reason why the hysteria surrounding "Hereditary" is so huge, though, as it looks utterly terrifying. Plus, it helps that critics have been raving for months about the film, which revolves around Annie Graham (Toni Collette) delving into her family's past in the wake of her mother's death and finding some terrifying secrets that could affect the future of everyone she holds dear.

Aster's original plan for "Hereditary" was much simpler. "I just wanted to make a film about grief and about trauma, and about the things that scare me," he admits.

While Aster is quick to list off a long list of his horror influences, from "Don't Look Now" to "Rosemary's Baby" to "Let The Right One In" and "The Wailing," he quickly put those films out of his mind, because he wanted to make sure that "Hereditary" had its own unique tone and felt truly evil.

"I wanted the film to feel very sorrowful, to have a funeral tone," Aster says. "And to be a sad family drama about people dealing with unimaginable loss. On another level I wanted the film to feel evil. I wanted to take the character's pain seriously."

More importantly, though, Aster wanted to make sure that, while the characters in "Hereditary" are being put through hell, the audience can't help but sit there and enjoy their pain.

"But, simultaneously. while the family is suffering the movie is smiling," Aster says. "That's not me smiling. There is a more sinister and sadistic knowing perspective at play. Laughter is important to that. A film without humor is a film wasted. Even if the humor is horrible."

"Hereditary" opens in theaters on Friday.

Ari Aster and Pawel Pogorzelski on the set of "Hereditary."

"Hereditary" is here to give you nightmares.

Get ready for 'The Staircase,' your new Netflix fixation

Director Jean-Xavier de Lestrade opens up about his true-crime epic.

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It's hard to know where to begin with "The Staircase."

You could start at 2:41 on the morning of Dec. 9, 2001, the moment that Michael Peterson called 911 to report that he had found his wife, Kathleen, unconscious at the bottom of their stairs.

But then you'd need to mention the hours before, when Kathleen had sustained the injuries that led to her death. Plus, there are two key instances and revelations from the years and decades before that become integral, too.

Then there's the fact that director Jean-Xavier de Lestrade has been following the investigation, trial and every other detail of the case for the last 16 years. As a result, Lestrade has created the 13-episode crime documentary epic "The Staircase," which he filmed over three separate periods.

Or so we thought. Because when we spoke to Lestrade about "The Staircase" earlier this week, we asked him what it was like to return to the documentary, only for him to insist, "I never quit 'The Staircase.' I have been obsessed by the story and by the character.

"It has been my obsession to go through the legal process. And to end the series when the justice system gave an answer to the case," Lestrade says.

The various details and uncertainties surrounding the death of Kathleen Peterson, such as the severity of her injuries and the amount of blood around her from a seemingly innocuous fall, means that there has always been a cloud of mystery over both the case and Michael Peterson. That was something that Lestrade picked up straight away.

"I remember the first time that I met Michael Peterson," Lestrade says. "He was talking about his wife, and his love for her, and it was very convincing."

"At the same time, though, I said, 'OK, I am sure he loved his wife. But sometimes you could feel that there was something else. That you didn't know all the truth or all the story,'" he adds. "Of course, he is a very complex character, very articulate and very interesting to follow."

Michael Peterson's lawyer David Rudolf. WHATSUP / NETFLIX

Peterson was so interesting in fact that Lestrade immediately knew that he wouldn't fit the story into his original two-hour plan, especially since Peterson's lawyer David Rudolf gave Lestrade and his team unprecedented access.

In the end, Lestrade underestimated the length of "The Staircase" by around 505 minutes, as the entire running time of all 13 episodes is 10 hours and five minutes long.

"When we started shooting in February 2002 and when David Rudolf gave us access and the judge gave us access in the court room and we started to shoot and shoot and shoot then we realized how big it could be," he says. "Because in the beginning it was supposed to be a two-hour film. It wasn't supposed to be an eight-hour documentary series. But after six months of shooting, I knew we couldn't tell the story in two hours."

"We needed to convince someone, somewhere to back us to make it longer. Because of the singularity of the character and the case. The case is a great mystery," Lestrade adds. "You don't know if it is a murder. I started to be obsessed by the case itself. And the character. Because Michael Peterson is such a good character. Because he is a mystery, too."

You can get wrapped up in the mystery of "The Staircase" when all 13 episodes of the true-crime series debut on Netflix on Friday, June 8.

Get wrapped up in Netflix's latest true-crime epic "The Staircase" this weekend. NETFLIX

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Next big thing: Why you have to watch Marvel's 'Cloak & Dagger'

The superhero-themed teen drama debuts on Freeform.

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Olivia Holt and Aubrey Joseph star in Marvel's "Cloak & Dagger." FREEFORM

Last year, the ever-expanding Marvel cinematic and television universes entered the young-adult world for the first time with Hulu's "Runaways." They're about to do it again with "Cloak & Dagger," a Freeform series developed by "Heroes" and "Daredevil" alum Joe Pokaski. Or at least that's the way it seems, for despite all the publicity's focus on the show's eponymous teenage duo, early reviews indicate that "Cloak & Dagger" is nothing like "Runaways."

What's it about?

Much like its comic-book origins, "Cloak & Dagger" follows Tandy Bowen (Olivia Holt) and Tyrone Johnson (Aubrey Joseph), two teenagers from disparate backgrounds whose chance meeting reveals their unique power sets. Tandy can emit daggers of light from her hands, while Tyrone has the ability to envelope others in darkness and, whenever necessary, transport them and himself from one location to another. As they fall in love, they learn about a shared tragedy.

Why you should watch it

On the one hand, the many arms of Marvel practically necessitate that anyone who wants to keep up with the conversation should at least check out whatever the latest property is. On the other hand, that Pokaski is behind "Cloak & Dagger" should attract everyone's attention, regardless of their opinion of superhero properties. Yes, he cut his teeth with the breakout series "Heroes" and filed them further with Netflix's "Daredevil," but he also did WGN's "Underground."

Emma Lahana FREEFORM

Meet the cast

Seeing as how "Cloak & Dagger" is literally centered on two protagonists, you would think the production would have cast the two best leads it could find. That's exactly what Pokaski and his team did with Olivia Holt ("Kickin' It," "Status Update") and Aubrey Joseph ("The Night Of," "Run All Night"). Both have done plenty of television and film, but "Cloak & Dagger" is their first opportunity to shine. And judging by reviewers' reactions so far, Holt and Joseph succeed. Other notable cast members include veteran actor J. D. Evermore, "Power Rangers" alum Emma Lahana and "ER" and "Mr. Robot" star Gloria Reuben.

How to watch

"Cloak & Dagger" premieres Thursday, at 8 p.m. on Freeform. After that, already-aired episodes will be available to stream on demand or in the Freeform GO app.

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THINGS TO DO

Watch 'Impossible' happen right in front of you

World-famous illusionist Joshua Jay scales down his act for audiences of just 20 — and it's going to get intense.

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Joshua Jay's Six "Impossible Things" is a more personal show that will surprise and even scare you. PROVIDED

The show is set at a Lower East Side escape room. READ DED

Illusionist Joshua Jay is kind of a big deal: A world champion magician by age 17, he's played to crowds over 100 countries and even fooled Penn and Teller. And that's exactly why he wanted his next act to be something totally different.

His new show, "Six Impossible Things," leads an audience of just 20 people through the Lower East Side escape room The Mist, experiencing each act in a different way. "We're doing magic in the dark, we're doing magic with everybody huddled around, we're doing magic with me on the ground and everybody looking down on me," Jay says.

"These are ways that, without overstating it, nobody's ever tried to theatrically stage a show like this because who would ever say, 'You know what, this illusion looks best with me cross-legged on the ground and everybody huddled over me. Let's build it around that."

Jay is based in New York, but much of the time he's touring on stages where he's separated from the audience and staring into bright lights, making the crowd melt into a mood (loud, laughing, drunk) rather than people. "When I occasionally get to do really small groups, they're not one thing — they're 20 different people," he explains. "This is the first time in a long time where I can see everything. So I made the incalculably bad business decision to do a show in New York, but only for 20 people and on top of it, we're going to make sure nobody comes more than once."

That's right — tell your friends, but you can't come with them. "Surprise is such an important element of magic," Jay says simply, and it's especially true for Six Impossible Things.

He's been working on the show for three years, honing it with the help of U.K.-based mentalist Luke Jermay. The final result is actually eight illusions, with an opener and a "kind of an impossible thing at the end," Jay says cryptically. "The title gains meaning when you see the set and when you see the first piece of the show."

Working in such a small venue, he was able to mold his illusions and involve the audience, who will be participating by holding items and even tasting things (and, of course, having their mind read). "Magicians play it way too safe, and there isn't as much innovation going on in my field as I wish there was," he says. "And that's sort of why, when you bite off something like this show, I get to reinvent every part of the experience."

"Six Impossible Things" is in previews now, with opening night on Friday, June 9 and running through July 28. Tickets are $106-$126; siximpossiblethingsshow.com.

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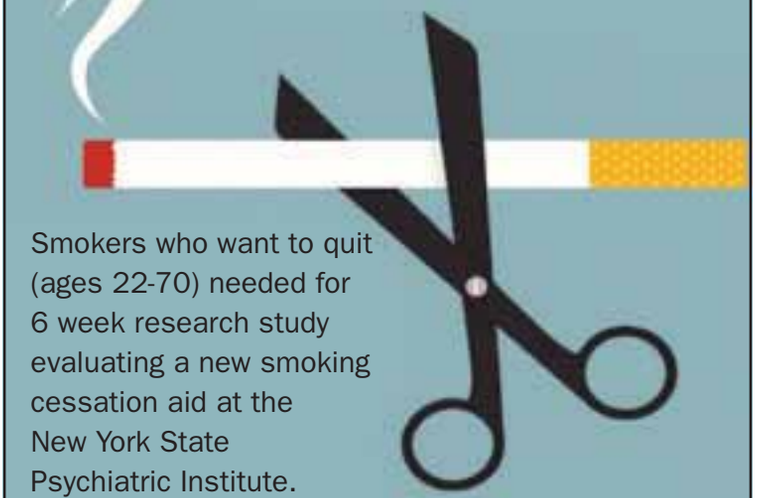

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Immersive exhibits put you inside Escher's impossible worlds. GETTY

What is *reality?*

Step inside M.C. Escher's impossible worlds in a massive interactive exhibit of the surrealist artist's work at Industry City.

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Not many artists can say their work is appreciated by mathematicians and hippies, but they're the only ones who saw surrealist illustrator M.C. Escher's talent while he was alive.

"During his life, Escher was not very famous — until the '70s, very few people really loved his work," says Federico Giudiceandrea, one of the world's foremost collectors of Escher's work. "Also, art critics were always against Escher: They would say he is cold, he's not really an artist, he's too mathematical." Escher would complain, he said, "'Mathematicians are saying I'm an artist, and artists are saying I'm a mathematician, but nobody recognizes me really.'"

Nowadays, Escher's upside-down staircases and self-drawing hands have assumed their rightful place in the popular imagination, and this summer at Brooklyn's Industry City you can see more than 200 examples of his mind-bending sketches, neon-colored prints and more at "Escher: The Exhibition and Experience."

Arriving in the States after a tour of Europe and Asia, the show was co-curated by Giudiceandrea and Mark Veldhuysen of the M.C. Escher Foundation and explores his process through six themed galleries, plus a seventh devoted to works architects, musicians and fashion designers influenced by him.

And because you couldn't very well hold a gallery show featuring one of the forefathers of virtual reality without photo ops replicating some of Escher's most confounding environments: Step into the Relativity Room, which confounds your mind's sense of size and scale, sit inside an Impossible Triangle and, of course, step out into the void of an Infinity Room.

"So what is then the real world?" Giudiceandrea asks with a laugh.

Maurits Cornelis Escher was born in 1898 and started out in landscapes, then moved on to figurative and abstract art and works steeped in a search for infinity until his death in 1972. One of the galleries is devoted to the 16 years Escher spent in Italy, where he drew not the duomos of Florence but tiny villages — including the two where Giudiceandrea's mother and father were born.

His collection began with posters — so stop knocking those prints in every college dorm room already — and now includes over 170 works. "I think one of the reasons Escher is today so beloved by so many people," he says, "is because he's showing that reality is something more complex than what we see and we feel."

"Escher: The Exhibition and Experience" is open June 8-Feb. 3, 2019 at Industry City, Building 6, 34 34th St., Sunset Park. Tickets are $20 for adults, $6 for kids 11 and under, eschernyc.com

OUTDOOR MOVIE GUIDE, JUNE 7-13

We're bringing you a weekly guide to outdoor movies in the city. Screenings are free unless stated otherwise. Showtime is at dusk (around 8 p.m.) unless stated otherwise. Films may have pre-show entertainment.

JUNE 7

- **Close Encounters of the Third Kind** *(Albee Square, Downtown Brooklyn)*
- **Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** *(Corporal John A Seravalli Playground)*
- **Moonlight** *(Tony Dapolito Recreation Center)*

JUNE 8

- **Escape From New York** *(Governors Island)*
- **Fences** *(Clove Lakes Park Parkhouse, Staten Island)*
- **Moana** *(The Meadow at Cedar Grove Park, Staten Island)*
- **Mulan** *(Columbus Park)*
- **Captain Underpants** *(The Painter's Playground, Queens)*
- **Saturday Church** *(McCarren Park Pool Deck, Brooklyn)*
- **Bruce!** *(Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn)*

"Black Panther" MARVEL STUDIOS

- **Dirty Dancing** *(Embassy Suites by Hilton's Skylawn, 60 W. 37th St., Midtown, $30, 6 p.m.)*
- **Wrestle** *(MetroTech Commons, 5 MetroTech Center, Downtown Brooklyn, 8:30 p.m., free)*
- **The Scent of Green Papaya** *(Washington Square Park, 8:30 p.m.)*

JUNE 9

- **Field of Dreams** *(LaTourette Park Parking Lot)*
- **Wonder Woman** *(John Jay Park, Manhattan)*
- **Mean Girls** *(Embassy Suites by Hilton's Skylawn, 60 W. 37th St., Midtown, $30, 6 p.m.)*

JUNE 10

- **Mulan 2** *(Homecrest Playground, Brooklyn)*
- **Rocky** *(John Paul Jones Park, Brooklyn)*
- **Black Panther** *(Embassy Suites by Hilton's Skylawn, 60 W. 37th St., Midtown, $30, 6 p.m.)*

JUNE 11

- **Taxi Driver** *(Embassy Suites by Hilton's Skylawn, 60 W. 37th St., Midtown, $30, 6 p.m.)*

JUNE 12

- **Black Panther** *(Samuel N. Bennerson 2nd Playground, Manhattan)*

JUNE 13

- **Despicable Me 3** *(St. Catherine's Park, Manhattan)*

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COMEDY

Strictly Unorthodox

Prepare to laugh your *tuchus* off when the U.K.'s only Orthodox Jewish comedian brings his shtick about what it really means to devote your life to Judaism to NYC. His standup touches on Jewish holidays, families and relationships, being Jewish at work and food obsessions — which secular and religious audiences may relate to a little too well. He crosses the pond after two sold-out tours and ahead of the debut of his new show, "Guide to Goyish Judaism," on BBC Radio 4. **Through June 28, Jerry Orbach Theater, 1627 Broadway, $43-$58, thetheatercenter.com**

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Forest Hills Summer Concert Series

Step up your summer concert game at Forest Hills Stadium. The revamped venue's Summer Concert Series lets you upgrade your tickets to access a wine garden pouring unlimited glasses of red, white and rose — plus tiny fancy sandwiches, charcuterie and fruit — for $65. Artists range from Belle & Sebastian, who open the series this Friday, to the Arctic Monkeys, B-52s, Culture Club, Dropkick Murphys and two nights with The National. **June 8-Sept. 30, Forest Hills Stadium, 1 Tennis Place, Queens, $45-$250, foresthillsstadium.com**

Brooklyn Americana Music Festival

Who doesn't love live music on the waterfront? Each Friday in June, visit Brooklyn Bridge Park to enjoy performances framed against the Manhattan skyline at sunset. It starts with Pete Lanctot and Ginger Holden this weekend. The Unplugged lineup preempts fall's Brooklyn Americana Music Festival, with 50 free riverside performances. **June 8-29, 6-8 p.m., Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 3 Granite Terrace, free, brooklynbridgepark.org**

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Dim Mak Neighborhood Festival

EDM star Steve Aoki brings his festival for indie and upcoming talent to Brooklyn on Sunday. Dim Mak Neighborhood Festival takes over the tropical castle that is Brooklyn Mirage for a day of dancing among the palm trees; along with Aoki, the bill features Carnage, Dada Life, Smokepurpp, Quix, Ricky Remedy, Max Styler, R3LL, Bok Nero and Noise Cans. **June 10, 3-11 p.m., 140 Stewart Ave., Brooklyn, $49.99+, dimmak.madeevents.com**

Strawberry Fields

Brunch with the Beatles this Sunday when the Cutting Room hosts Strawberry Fields, a tribute band that performs in full costume while you drink and dine. The groovy band will be adding new songs to their lineup while putting their own spin on the classics — plus, it's hosted by original assistant recording engineer Richard Langham, who worked with the Beatles' longtime producer Sir George Martin. He's joined by Q104.2 radio's Maria Milito. **June 10, 1 p.m., The Cutting Room, 44 E. 32nd St., $25-$30, thecuttingroomnyc.com**

BOOKS

An Evening with Roxane Gay

Hear from one of today's most outspoken cultural critics on some of today's most relevant topics when Bad Feminist author Roxane Gay speaks at Cooper Union on topics ranging from body positivity and sexuality to the #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatter movements. Part of the PEN America World Voices Festival's Resist & Reimagine series, the social media personality will appear in discussion with BuzzFeed News' Isaac Fitzgerald. **June 8, 7 p.m., Cooper Union's Great Hall, 7 East Seventh St., $40, cooper.edu**

FESTIVAL

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FOOD

Fairway Market Food Festival

Need some summer ideas for your next cookout, or just looking for ways to freshen up your weekday routine? Fairway is hosting its first-ever food-themed gathering this Sunday, and it's just $5 to attend with over 100 booths offering samples from coffee and tea to artisanal bread and cheeses. Chat with experts about food trends and shop for new ingredients and instruments that will allow you to transform your kitchen to embrace your new culinary IQ. **June 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Armory Track Area, 216 Fort Washington Ave., Bronx, $5, fairwaymarket.com**

T. MICHELLE MURPHY

The Andy Warhol Bridge is one of the three "sister bridges." JP DIROLL PHOTOGRAPHY

Find out what came 'Before Pop' at Pittsburgh's Andy Warhol Museum

The artist's hometown museum will be exhibiting his early works all summer long.

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Andy Warhol, one of Pittsburgh's most celebrated artists, also happens to be one of the world's greatest innovators of modern art and all things "cool." Since the 'Burgh was his place of birth, it is also home to The Andy Warhol Museum.

"The Andy Warhol Museum is one of the most requested attractions by the journalists and press tours we host, both domestic and international, regardless of the focus of their visit," said Craig Davis, president and CEO of VisitPITTSBURGH. "Andy Warhol is an icon and is hugely responsible for making Pittsburgh such a world-renown destination for arts and culture."

In association with the Carnegie Museums, this seven-story museum displays the largest collection of his artwork, archival materials, and is one of the most finely curated and comprehensive single artist museums in the world. For any Warhol fan, The Warhol Museum is a must-see and the perfect destination for lovers of modern art.

"When visitors come to the museum they are exposed to a personal, much more intimate, perspective on Warhol—one that you wouldn't find at another museum," says Jessica Beck, Milton Fine Curator of Art . "Visitors get to see that Warhol was putting out an enormous amount of work during his lifetime, and that within each decade he had different ideas and approaches to art making that was not just about Marilyn Monroe, Campbell's Soup and the Disaster paintings that he made in the 1960s. He also made film, photography, still-life paintings, portraits, abstract paintings, and large-scale religious works.. There are many different sides to Warhol that you can uncover when you come here."

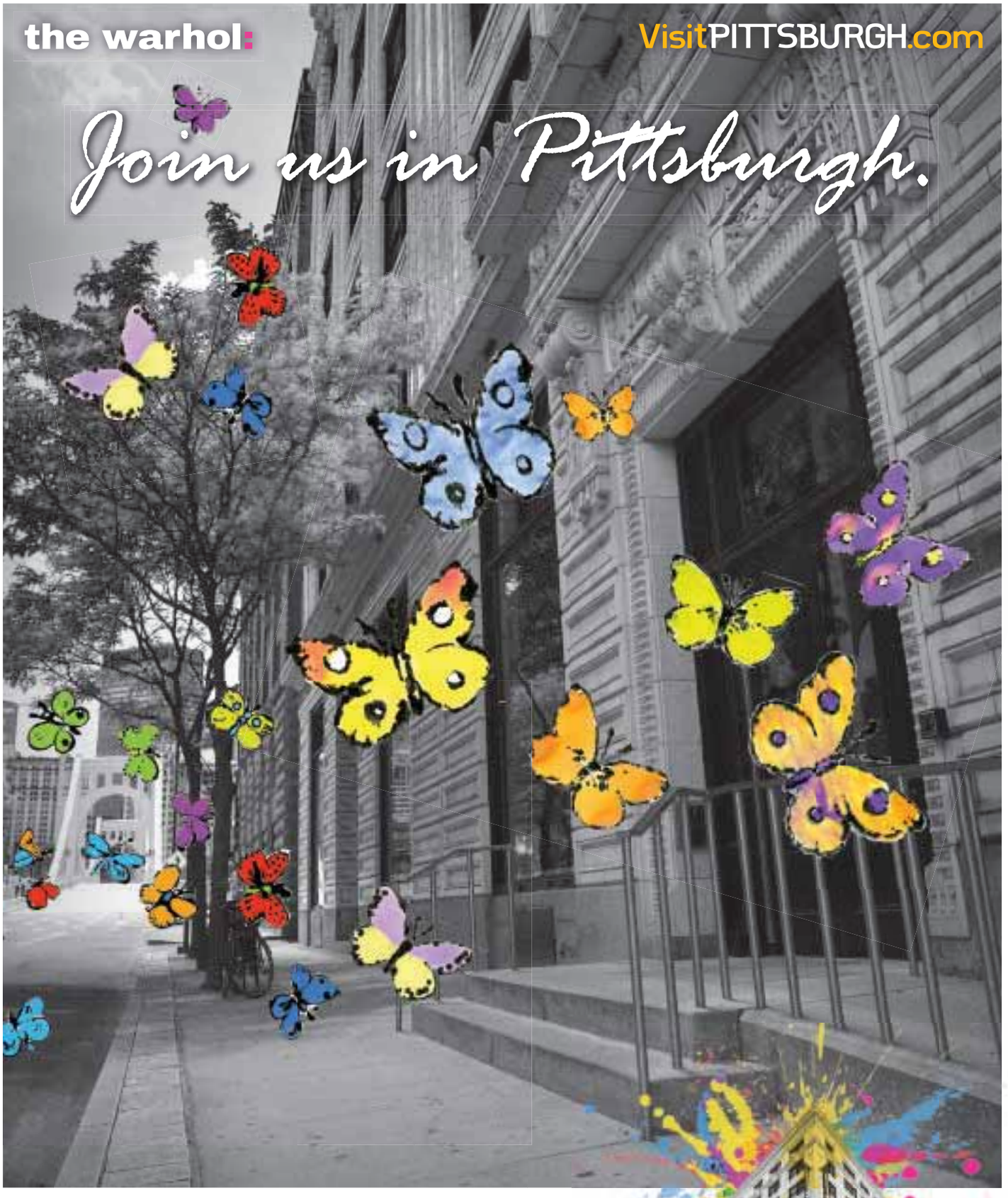
Andy Warhol, Shoe and Leg ("December Shoe"), ca. 1956, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, THE ANDY WARHOL FOUNDATION FOR THE VISUAL ARTS, INC.

Before the pop artist, there was the adman

Most people generally know about Warhol's work through his giant pop art odes to brands like Campbell's soup, his youth generation films from the '60s or even as manager of the Velvet Underground during his New York Factory days. But, a lot of his fans may be unfamiliar with his work before this time. That is why The Andy Warhol Museum is currently presenting a new exhibition of the collection, "Adman: Warhol Before Pop" which displays Warhol's award-winning work as a commercial artist in New York's advertising industry in the 1950s. Thinking about him mixing it up with the Mad Men of the day is an interesting enough image — but his art spoke for itself in the work he was commissioned to do early on in his career as a young artist.

"The exciting thing about Warhol's 1950s work is that once you know the layers and the dimensions to his first decade, you can have a better understanding of the rest of his career," explains Beck. "Within that first decade," she adds, "there are so many layers to his practice. There is a really sensitive eye for design color and skill. There is also a daring presentation of his sexuality, in a way. He is creating a feminine space in his work by taking on feminine products like perfume bottles, cosmetics, shoes and jewelry."

This exhibit at The Warhol Museum will culminate in a special gala titled "Window Dressing: An Evening of Fashion from the Eons Archives"on Friday, July 13 at 7 p.m. The event will bring alive the spirit of Warhol's 1950s with cocktails, music and even models posing in period-specific clothing from the Eons Fashion Antique curated by owner Richard Parsakian. Many of the pieces in Parsakians archives include clothing and fashion accessories that Warhol had created ads for during this time period. On the cash bar menu, there will be special cocktails created by the Ladies United for the Preservation of Endangered Cocktails (LUPEC) inspired by drinks that Andy's mother, Julia Warhola, used to make. Fifties attire isn't mandatory to get into this party, but the organizers of the event strongly encourage visitors to try and look the part.



Adman: Warhol before pop

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Pitcher perfect: Drink outside at America's *best* beer gardens

Fodor's Travel

The world's most popular beer gardens might be in Munich, but that doesn't mean that you need to whip out your passport to enjoy a pint. Beer gardens are cropping up across the United States, giving thirsty patrons a chance to sample local and international brews. The taps might be different, but all the places on our list offer a friendly ambiance and a passion for the craft.

Stone Brewing World Bistro Gardens

Where: *San Diego*

For a beer garden that marches to its own beat, stop by San Diego's Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens. The space is home to a two-story indoor location with greenery and floor-to-ceiling windows, and an acre of outdoor beer gardens with trees, flowering plants, and a koi pond. Forty beers on tap round out the menu. Beer enthusiasts can also choose from a selection of more than 100 bottles and a food menu with organic and locally sourced fare. Public and private tours allow visitors to get an inside look at the brewing process.

Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden

Where: *Queens, New York*

It's difficult to imagine Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden as a farm, but that's exactly what it used to be. The Bohemian Citizens' Benevolent Society bought the space at the beginning of the 20th century, and it slowly evolved into a beer hall and outdoor park with covered picnic tables and trees. A draft menu features beer from the United States and eastern Europe, and guests can enjoy a diverse food menu with traditional American bar fare, German staples, and Czech dishes. Don't miss the beer garden's nightly live music or the Czech & Slavic Festival held each spring.

Garden District

Where: *Washington*

Tucked away off Washington's bustling 14th Street Corridor is Garden District, the city's answer to an old-world beer garden. Pull up a seat at blue picnic tables under Hofbräu umbrellas and enjoy a pint. Smoky pulled-pork sandwiches are made to order and guests can also snack on fresh doughnuts during the weekend. Make sure to show up early, because the garden closes when they run out of barbecue.

VBGB Beer Hall & Garden

Where: *Charlotte, North Carolina*

Bigger is better at Charlotte's VBGB Beer Hall & Garden. The lively drinking hole has 30 beers and ciders on tap, and also offers flights of craft brew. Chow down on a giant soft pretzel or homemade bratwurst, or head to the garden's giant backyard patio to play large versions of board games such as Jenga, chess, and Connect Four. Visitors can also take

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Where: *Cincinnati*
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The Rathskeller

Where: *Indianapolis*
Indianapolis's Rathskeller combines the best of both worlds. Located in a historic 19th-century building downtown, the beer garden includes a quiet, elegant indoor space and a lively outdoor beer hall with picnic tables and a stage for live entertainment. Quaint decorations abound, with stag heads mounted on walls inside and traditional décor draped on the outdoor pavilion. Local craft beer and selections from Germany and Europe make an appearance on the menu. A separate beer garden menu features traditional pub fare including warm soft pretzels and frikadelle, the Rathskeller's twist on a German hamburger.

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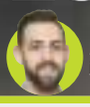
2018 World Cup Preview: Group D



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ARGENTINA

"LA ALBICELESTE"

TIMES QUALIFIED: 17
LAST APPEARANCE: 2014
BEST FINISH: WINNERS ('78, '86)
WORLD RANKING: 5th

THE STAR
LIONEL MESSI
CLUB TEAM
BARCELONA (ESP)

Another World Cup heaps an entire nation's hopes on the shoulders of the greatest soccer player in the world: Lionel Messi.

While many believe he should be in discussions with Pele as the greatest ever, Messi's inability to haul in any kind of silverware for Argentina on the international stage, including a runner-up finish in the 2014 World Cup to Germany, is one true blemish in a legendary résumé.

Argentina is expected to go plenty far in Russia with the likes of Sergio Aguero, Gonzalo Higuain and Angel DiMaria offering support for the talisman.

CROATIA

"THE BLAZERS"

TIMES QUALIFIED: 5
LAST APPEARANCE: 2010
BEST FINISH: 3rd (1998)
WORLD RANKING: 18th

THE STAR
LUKA MODRIC
CLUB TEAM
REAL MADRID (ESP)

Croatia will be exhibiting a new look at the 2018 World Cup. While talented playmaker Luka Modric will still carry the team, he will playing in more of advance role up the pitch.

That means he will have less time on the ball, but the hope is that his presence will open things up for Croatia's attacking members, like Barcelona man Ivan Rakitic and striker Mario Mandzukic.

At the back, Liverpool's Dejan Lovren anchors Croatia's defense, which is the side's weakest aspect.

GROUP D SCHEDULE

JUN. 16, 9 AM
ARGENTINA v. ICELAND

JUN. 16, 3 PM
CROATIA v. NIGERIA

JUN. 21, 2 PM
ARGENTINA v. CROATIA

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ICELAND

"OUR BOYS"

TIMES QUALIFIED: 1
LAST APPEARANCE: N/A
BEST FINISH: N/A
WORLD RANKING: 22nd

THE STAR
GYLFI SIGURDSSON
CLUB TEAM
EVERTON (ENG)

Even though this is Iceland's first appearance at a World Cup and will be the smallest nation ever to take part in the competition, this is a side with realistic aspirations to make it out of Group D.

Iceland were the darlings of the 2016 European Championships, making a Cinderella run to the quarterfinals.

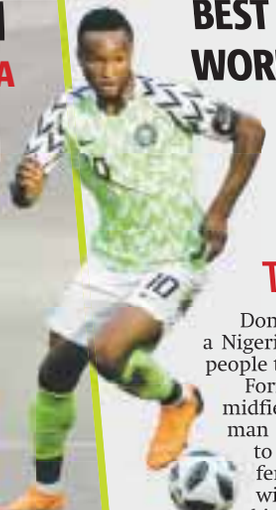
This will be a strong defensive side with counterattacking capabilities that will rely on Gylfi Sigurdsson, who will have free reign up top.

NIGERIA

"THE SUPER EAGLES"

TIMES QUALIFIED: 6
LAST APPEARANCE: 2014
BEST FINISH: 9th (1994)
WORLD RANKING: 47th

THE STAR
JOHN OBI MIKEL
CLUB TEAM
TIANJIN TEDA (CHN)



Don't let the ranking fool you, this is a Nigeria team that could surprise some people this month in Russia.

Former Chelsea man and veteran midfielder John Obi Mikel is the foreman of Nigeria's side and will be key to transitioning his side's strong defense to a weak attack that will need winger Victor Moses to step up in a big way to support the lone striker Odion Ighalo.

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Do the Isles have a shot at Trotz?

Barry Trotz's time with the Washington Capitals could be up despite the very real possibility of him winning a Stanley Cup in the coming days. With the Islanders as the only team without a head coach, are they an option? GETTY IMAGES

The Capitals coach could be on his way out and the Islanders have a vacancy to fill.

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Barry Trotz is just a single win away from winning a Stanley Cup, the head coach on the cusp of delivering the Washington Capitals their first championship in franchise history. But his time in the nation's capital might just be up.

The longtime coach of the Nashville Predators, now in his fourth season with the Capitals, is at a crossroads with an organization that hasn't exactly shown him an abundance of loyalty.

Directing one of the most talented teams in the Eastern Conference, which includes generational scorer Alex Ovechkin, Trotz had been unable to deliver a title despite winning two-straight President's Trophies for accruing the most points in the NHL.

Despite three-straight Metropolitan Division titles in the last four regular seasons, the consensus surrounding Trotz — whose contract expires once Washington's season ends — was that he'd be shown the door if the Capitals didn't win it all.

That's not the kind of stability or loyalty any head coach would like, especially one who has recorded four-straight 100-plus-point seasons. Prior to his arrival, the Capitals had just seven 100-point seasons in its first 40 years of existence.

So there is a legitimate chance that the 55-year-old could lift the Stanley Cup as his final act as Capitals head coach and hit the free-agent market for a new team.

As luck would have it for the New York Islanders, they are the only NHL franchise with a vacancy at its head-coaching position.

New Islanders president of hockey operations Lou Lamoriello, just three weeks on the job, relieved general manager Garth Snow and head coach Doug Weight of their duties on Tuesday after another playoff-less season in which the team finished seventh in the Metropolitan Division.

It's a big move that the Islanders franchise isn't accustomed to as it has remained stagnant over the past 20-plus seasons behind inactive owners and front-office members. Lamoriello though, who built the Devils into three-time Stanley Cup champions and helped retool the Toronto Maple Leafs into a dangerous Eastern Conference contender, brings a track record of success and legitimacy to the organization.

With Snow out of the picture, it will be the 75-year-old Lamoriello who will assume GM responsibilities and find a new head coach.

If he is able to re-sign John Tavares to a long-term contract, acquire a legitimate No. 1 goalie and some much-needed defensive help, the Islanders suddenly become a very attractive team for a well-established head coach like Trotz to come in and take over.

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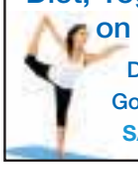

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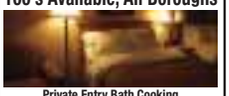

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37 Leo XIII or Pius X
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41 Canary's lunch
42 Excessive enthusiasm
43 Babbles
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51 Years lived
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65 Uno, dos, __...

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11 All at __; suddenly
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19 Lacy little mat
22 "__ my party and I'll cry if I want to..."
25 Mantilla fabric
27 Three months from now: abbr.
28 Scout group
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31 Mysterious
33 "Stupid is as stupid __"; ("Forrest Gump")
34 "War __ Peace"
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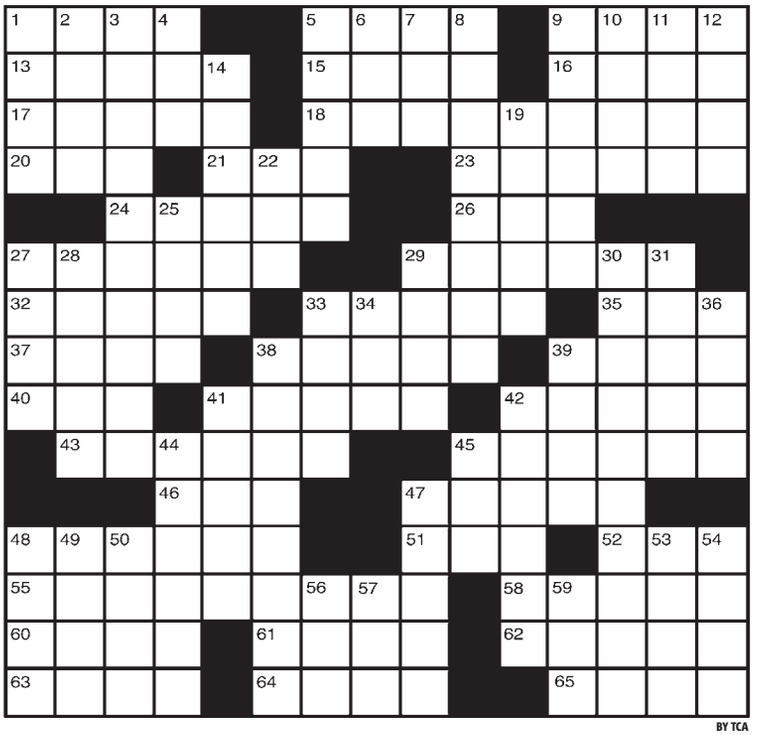

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